

Simon Smithson



Qualifications

B.Arch, Dipl. Arch, M.Arch, (Urban Design), ARB,
Registered Architect: Pennsylvania

Education

1980 - 82 MA in Urban Design, Graduate School of Design,
Harvard University, USA
1977 - 79 Dipl. Arch, Cambridge University, UK
1973 - 76 BArch, Cambridge University, UK

Practice

2011 - Partner, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners LLP
2004 Director, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, SL
1996 Associate, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners
(Architects) Ltd
1991 Richard Rogers Partnership, UK
1989 - 91 Nicholas Hare Architects, UK
1985 - 88 Civitas Inc. Denver, Colorado, USA
1982 - 85 Cambridge Seven Associates, Cambridge, USA
1979 - 80 Foster Associates, UK
1976 - 77 George Candilis, Architect, Paris, France

Summary of Experience

Simon joined Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners in 1991 and was made a Partner in 2011.

He has played a key role in major projects, including T3 Taoyuan Airport (Taiwan), ParcBit sustainable masterplan (Palma de Mallorca), the redevelopment of the South Bank Centre in London, the National Assembly for Wales, Antwerp Law Courts (Belgium), the Masterplans of Valladolid AVE and Nivalis, Grenada in Spain.

In 2004, RSHP opened an office in Madrid with Simon as director. There, he worked on a wide range of urban design, architecture and industrial design projects and was project architect for Terminal 4, Madrid Barajas Airport, which won the Stirling Prize in 2006. Simon also led the design team on Campus Palmas Altas, the headquarters for green energy company Abengoa and a model for more sustainable office complexes on the outskirts of Seville.

In 2011 Simon moved back to London and since then has been leading the development of the practice's work in Latin America. Simon is currently heading-up a multilingual team on a large mixed-use scheme in central Bogota, Colombia, the practice's first project in South America. Tower North, the first of two skyscrapers on the site, was completed in 2020 and Tower South (which is taller at 74 storeys) will begin construction in 2021. In the meantime, a new Cultural venue will be constructed on the site.

He is also currently working on a masterplan to develop an area of 270 hectares in the north of Madrid. The plan aims to create a new urban centre, active throughout the day and with a wide mix of uses. The Chamartín train station will be at the heart of the project, surrounded by a competitive and innovative business district and an extended Castellana Avenue which will act as a structuring green corridor.

In addition to his work as a project architect, Simon also oversees the graphic design and visualisation department.

Key Projects

2020 -	Qianhai Financial Holding Tower, Office, Shenzhen, China	2009	La Marina, Masterplan, Competition, San Sebastián de los Reyes, Madrid, Spain
2019 -	Chamartín Station, Masterplan, Madrid, Spain	2008 -	Garellano, Masterplan, Bilbao, Spain
	Atrio Centro de Convenciones, Cultural, Bogota, Colombia	2006	El Cañaveral, Masterplan, Madrid, Spain
2018 -	Las Rozas, Mixed-Use, Competition, Madrid, Spain	2005 - 14	Valladolid Este, Masterplan, Valladolid, Spain
	Catalinas North, Office, Competition, Buenos Aires, Argentina		Valladolid Alta Velocidad, Masterplan, Valladolid, Spain
	Tencent HQ Campus, Mixed-Use, Competition, Shenzhen, China	2005 - 09	Campus Palmas Altas business park, Office, Seville, Spain
2017 -	Garellano, Masterplan, Bilbao, Spain	2005	P7 – Parking & Retail in the Campus of Justice, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain
2016	Andhra Pradesh, Masterplan, Competition, India		Health Campus for the University of Granada, Health, Competition, Granada, Spain
	Cupertino Square Masterplan, San Jose, USA	2004	New clinic for Dr. López-Ibor, Health, Competition, Madrid, Spain
2015 -	Taoyuan Airport Terminal 3, Transport and Infrastructure, Taiwan		Coto de Macairena, Masterplan, Granada, Spain
2014 -	DCN - Madrid, Masterplan, Madrid, Spain	1998 - 05	Antwerp Law Courts, Civic/Public, Antwerp, Belgium
2014	Mexico City International Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Mexico		National Assembly for Wales, Civic/Public, Cardiff, Wales, UK
2013 -	Estadio Nacional, Sport, Caracas, Venezuela	1997 - 05	T4 Madrid Barajas Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain
2013	Estacion de Autobuses y Intercambiador, Transport and Infrastructure, Caracas, Venezuela	1996	Dortmund “U” Tower, Transport and Infrastructure, Dortmund, Germany
	La Rinconada, Masterplan, Caracas, Venezuela	1995 - 05	Pavillion of State, Madrid Barajas Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain
2012 -	Atrio, Mixed-Use, Bogota, Colombia	1995	SmithKline Beecham, Office, Brentford, London, UK
2011	Ourense Station, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Spain	1994 - 99	ParcBIT, Masterplan, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
	Garellano Park, Recreation, Bilbao, Spain	1994	South Bank Centre, Masterplan, London, UK
	Metro Station entrances, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, San Sebastian, Spain	1991	Heathrow Airport Masterplan, Transport and Infrastructure, London, UK
	La Coruña Station, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Galicia, Spain	1988 - 08	Terminal 5 Heathrow Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, London, UK
2010	Valencia Urban Park, Civic/Public, Competition, Spain		
	Huelva station, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Spain		
	Noken bathroom fixtures, Product Design, Porcelanosa Group, Spain		
2009	Vega Baja Museum, Cultural, Competition, Toledo, Spain		
	La Cartuja Business Park, Office, Seville, Spain		